

Town of Columbia
Regular Planning Board Meeting

May 15, 2024

The Town of Columbia Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting on May 15, 2024 at the Town Building.

Members Present: R. Bayzon; D. Rubin; B. Warner-Davis; R. Seamon; D. Kidder; S. Dievendorf,
alternate Absent: None Others Present: None

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman R. Bayzon

Minutes of the Planning Board regular meeting held April 17, 2024 were approved with corrections.

Chairman's Report:

1. Town of Columbia Zoning/Codes Officer R. Donley submitted to the Herkimer County Planning Board notification of the planned small commercial project on State Route 28 and Hoffman Road. Department of Transportation will be informed for road access points.
2. Town Clerk hours have changed to Tuesday 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Thursday remains the same from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.
3. Chairman Bayzon routed information regarding the training, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Subdivision Review and Area Variances, sponsored by the Herkimer Oneida Counties Planning Program.

Communications and Reports:

1. Minutes of the Town Board's March 2024 meeting draft minutes are on line for review. West Winfield Star reported on the meeting as well.
2. D. Rubin reported on a news event, "Debate Over Proposed Stark Wind Project Doesn't Seem To Be Blowing Over Anytime Soon," - 5/14/24 - WKTV,

Old Business:

1. EDF Columbia Solar Project: No report

Town of Columbia Comprehensive Plan:

1. D. Rubin and R. Bayzon summarized the results of their meeting on 5/17/24 with R. Reichart of the Herkimer Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program to finalize changes, additions and corrections for the maps of the Comprehensive Plan.
2. D. Kidder presented demographic information. Planning Board discussion included the need to review other NYS Comprehensive Plans to ascertain how to proceed. D. Kidder will review and report.
3. S. Dievendorf and R. Seamon are to work on the reformatting of the Comprehensive Plan.
4. B. Warner-Davis agreed to look into adding a pollinator section.

New Business:

The next meeting will take place in the town offices instead of the main hall. This is due to the need for the early voting venue for Herkimer County to take place in the Town of Columbia.

Board and Public Discussion: none

Chairman Bayzon adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting: June 19, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Kidder

Secretary

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